

### REMARKS

This is in response to the office action of August 3, 1998, in which the Examiner allowed, objected to and rejected some claims.

As the amendments herein place the application in condition for allowance by (a) placing the objected to claims in independent form, (b) retaining the allowed claims, and (c) canceling the rejected claims, it is respectfully submitted that no "new issues" are raised.

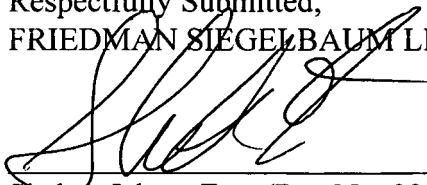
New claim 48 is claim 14, written in independent form.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that the personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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